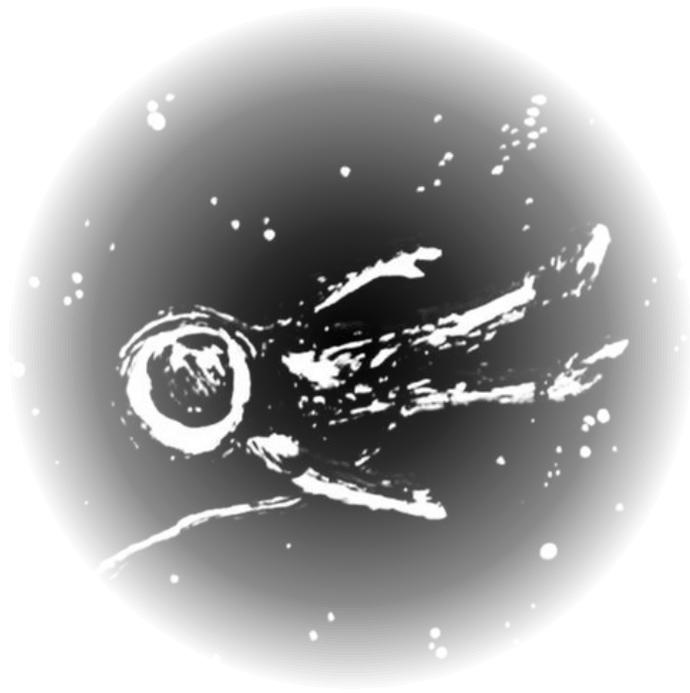


Toxic City : The Stellifying Fabulist

A short graphic novel by Catherine Poitras Auger



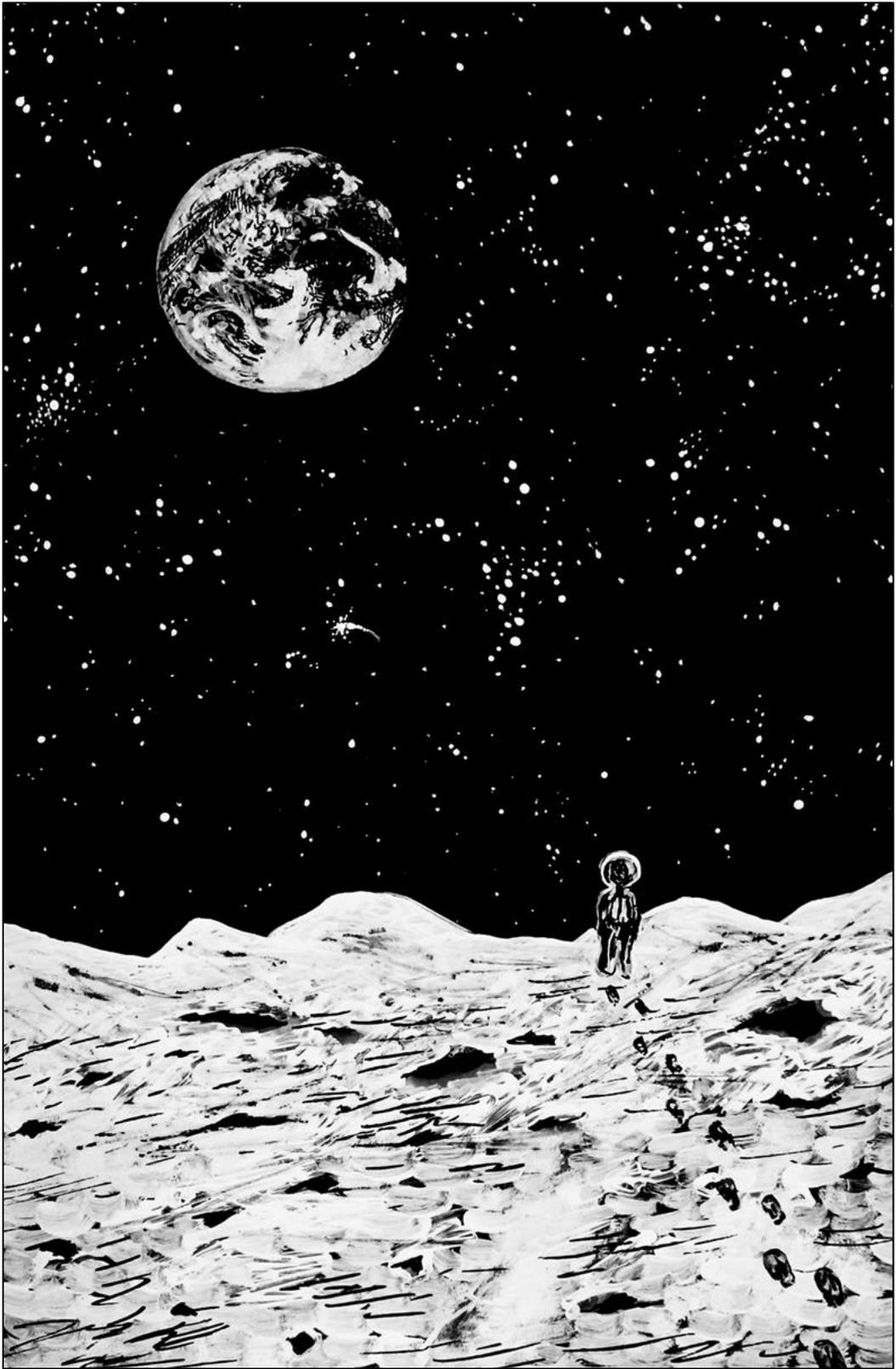
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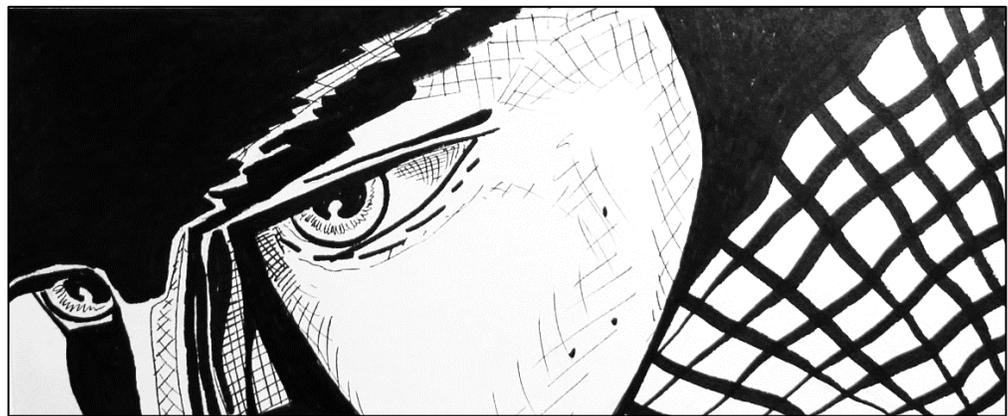
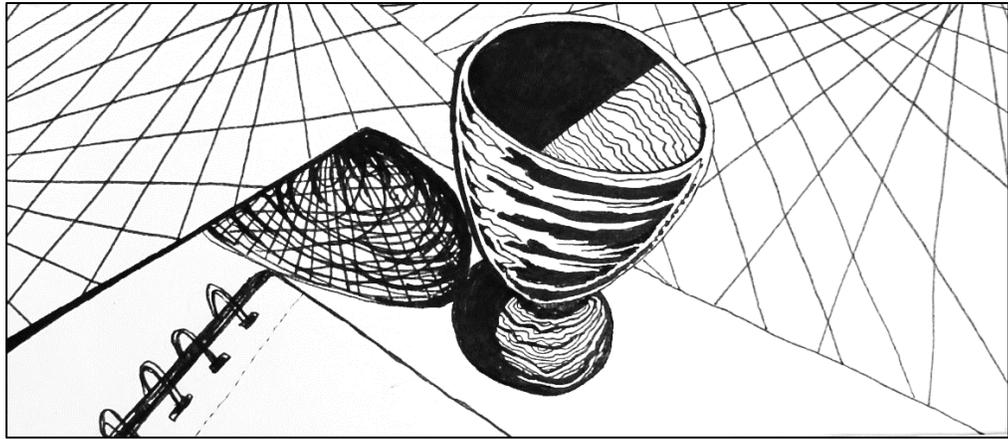
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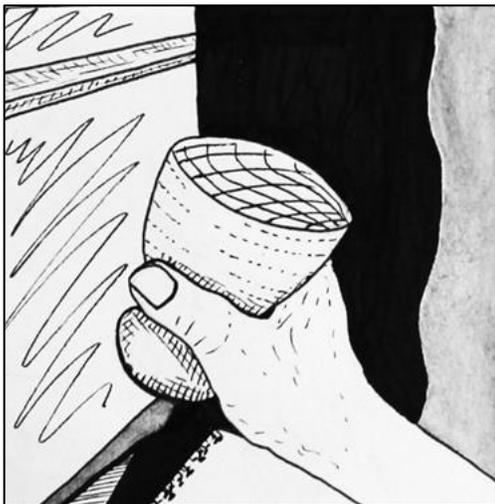
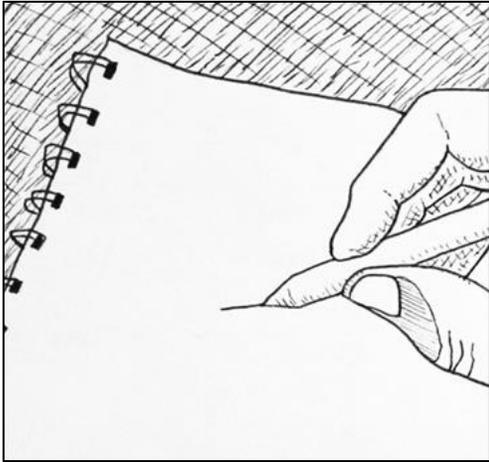
« For the first time
in the history of
the world, every human
being is now subject
to contact with
dangerous chemicals,
from the moment of
conception until death. »

- Rachel Carson,
Silent Spring
(1962)

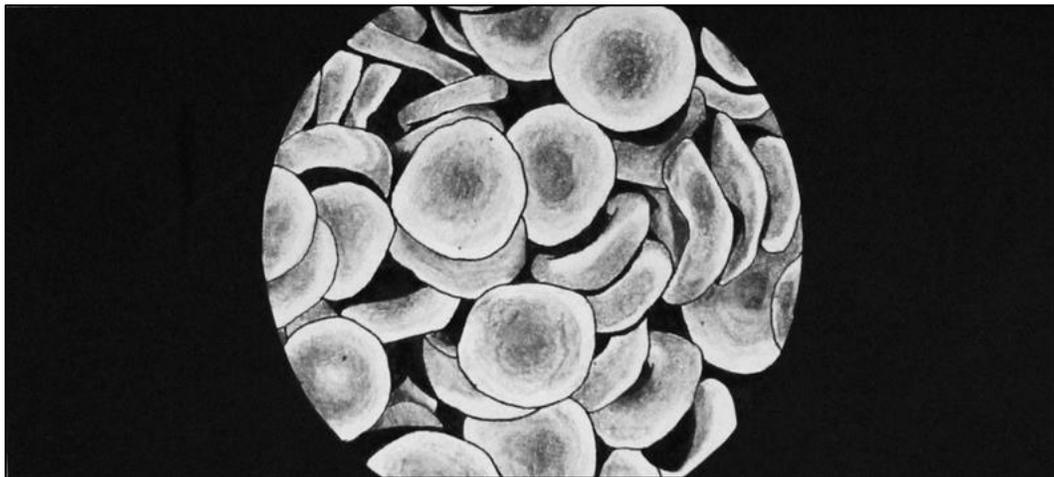


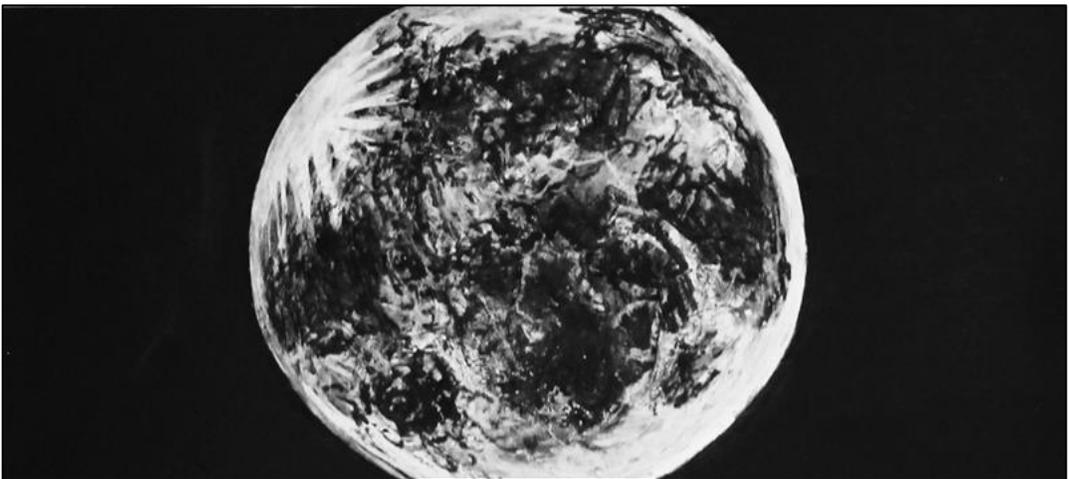
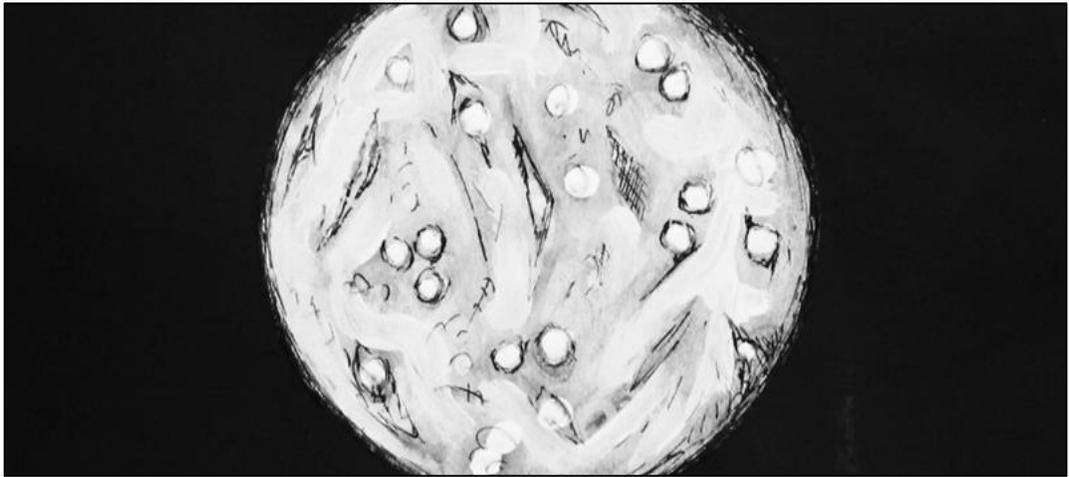
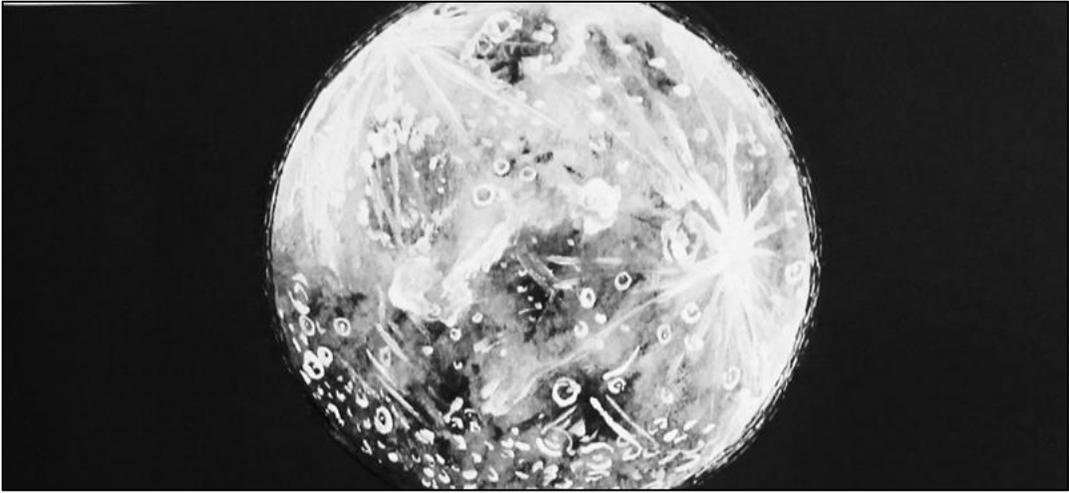


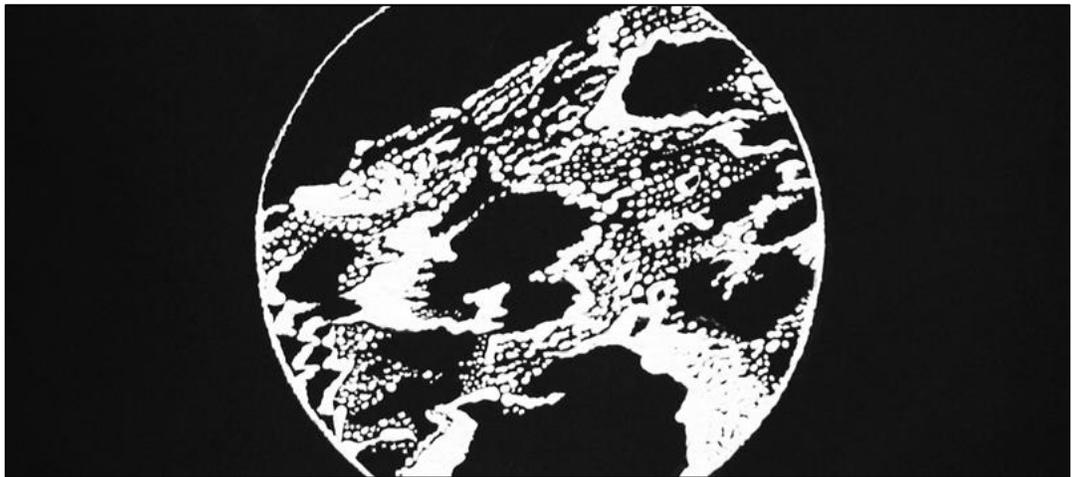






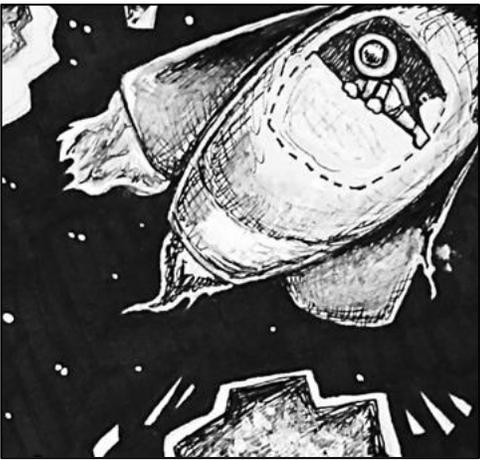
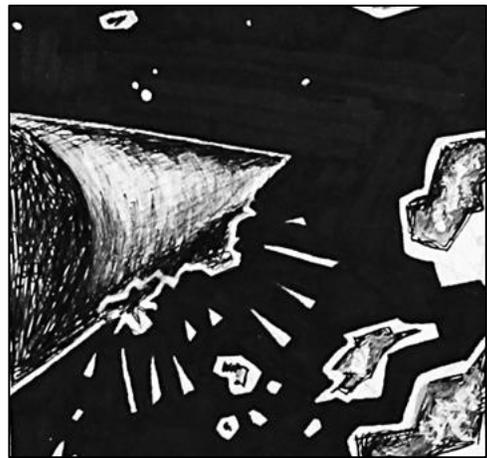
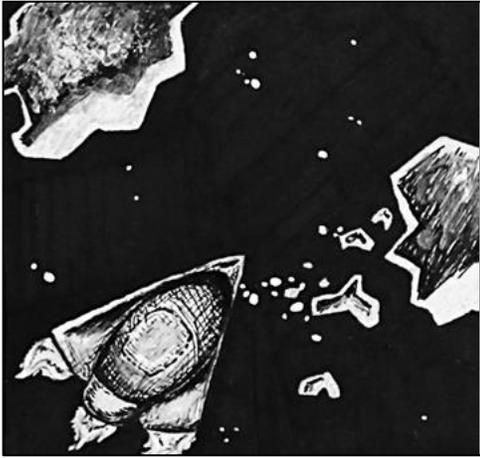




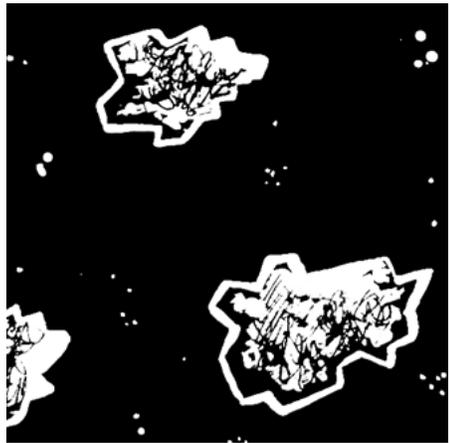


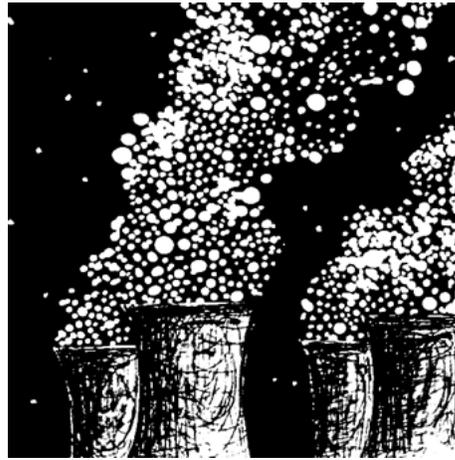


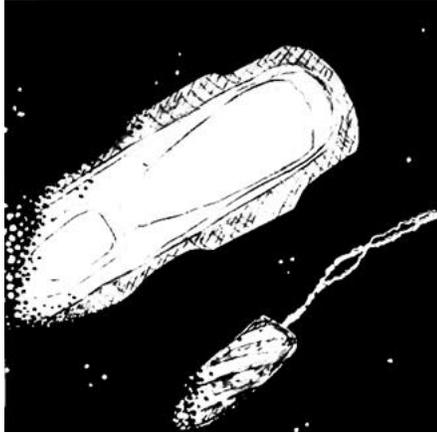
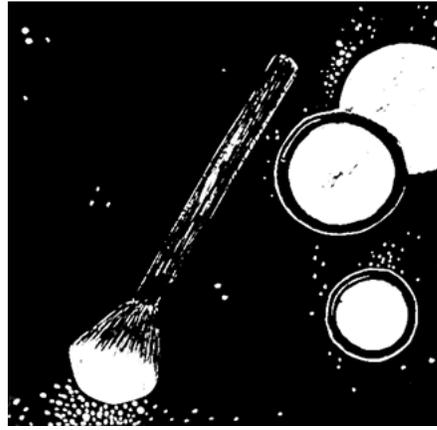


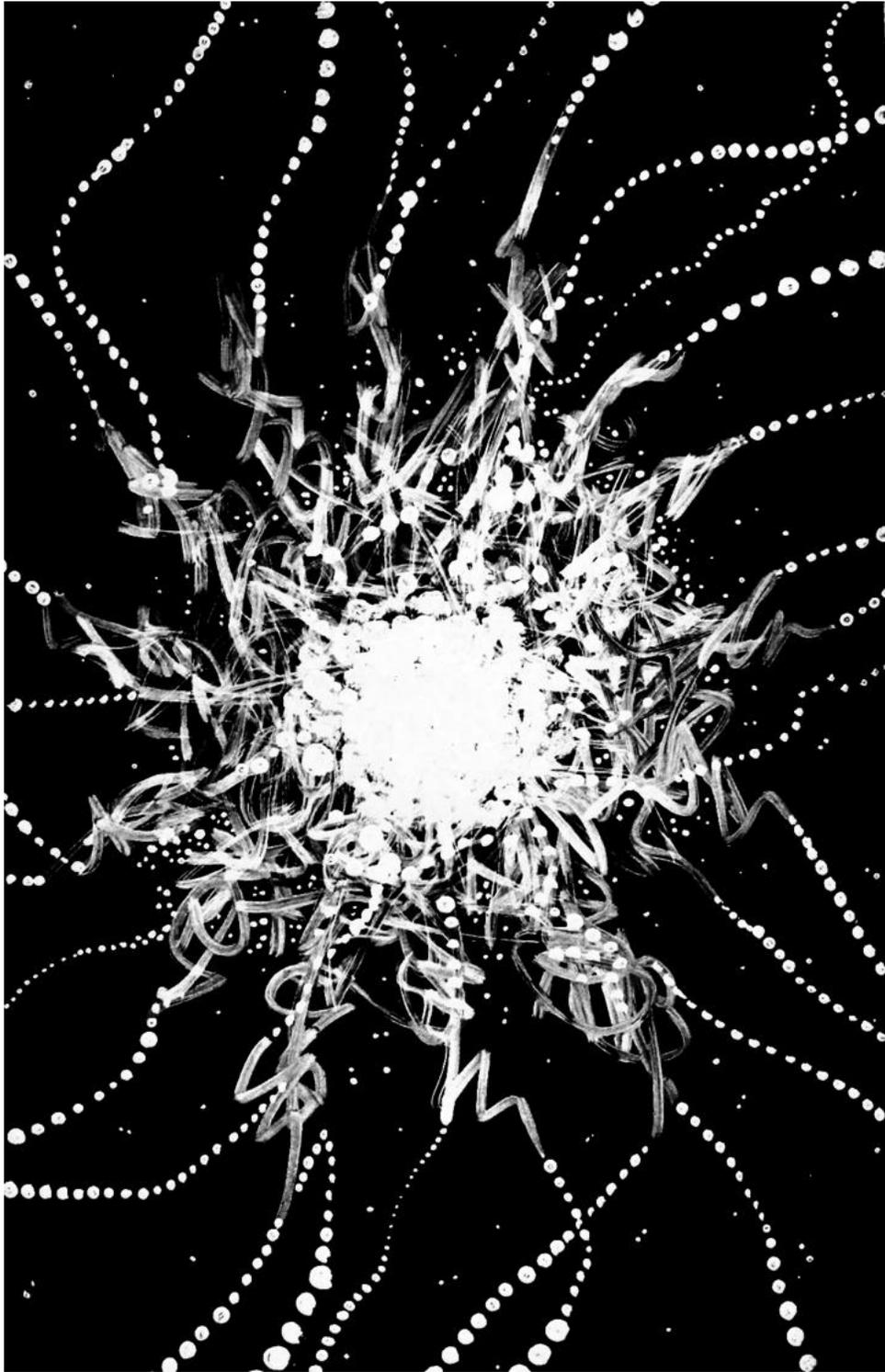












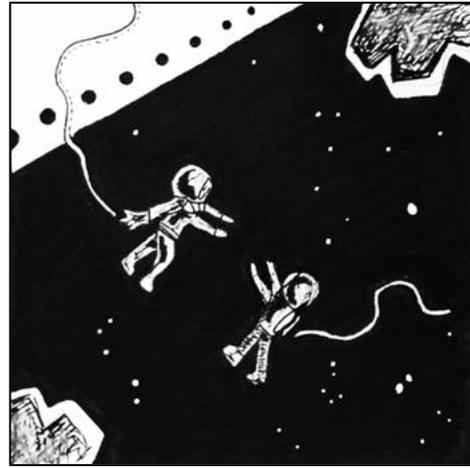


“It is easier to demand happiness than to clean up the environment. The acceptance of illusion and appearance as reality is another symptom of this same refusal to examine the realities of our lives. Let us seek ‘joy’ rather than real food and clean air and a safer future on a liveable earth! As if happiness alone can protect us from the results of profit-madness.”



- Andre Lorde,
The Cancer Journals

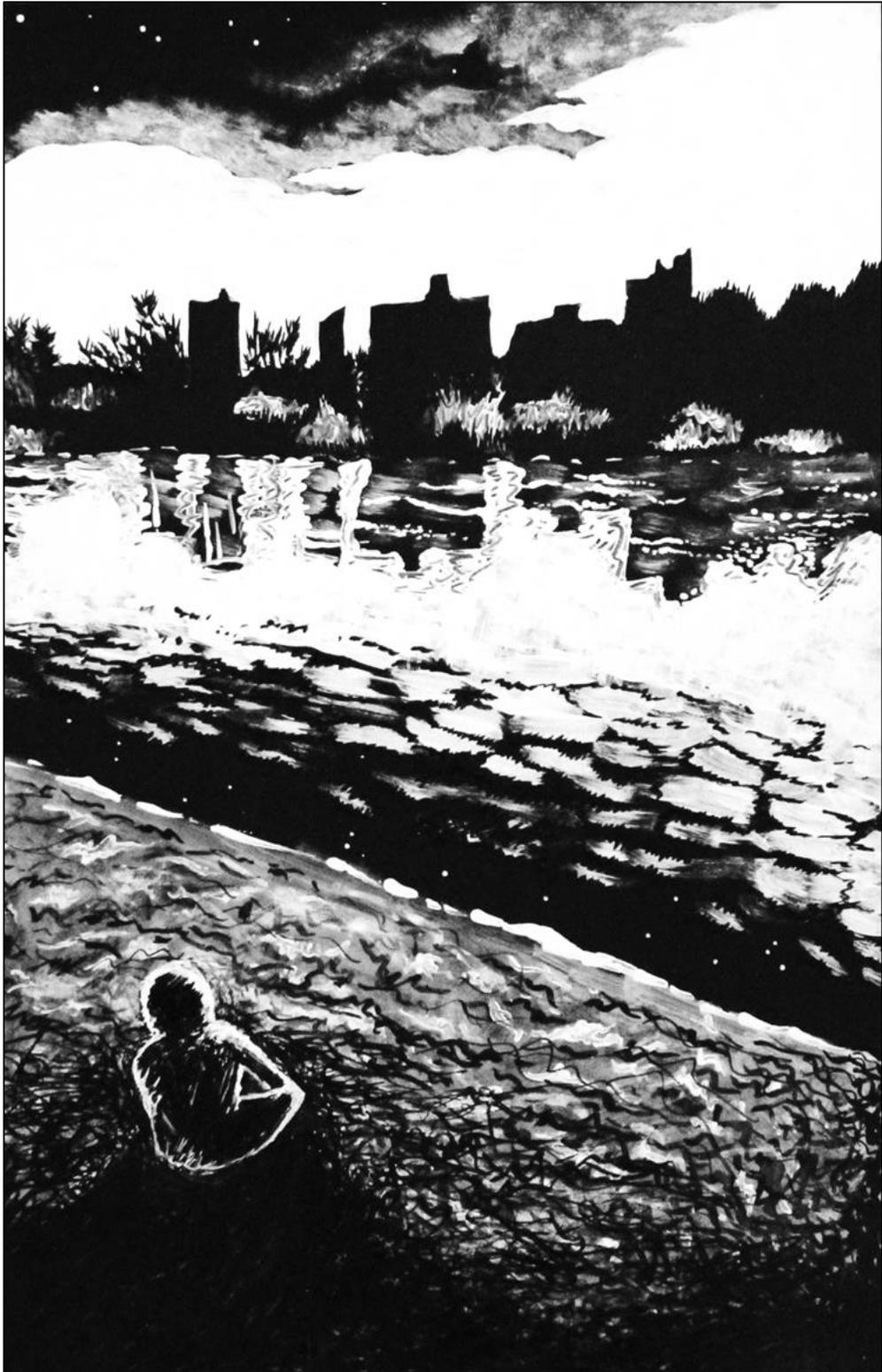




«Toxic substance regulations are obsolete and do not ensure the protection of the environment or the health of populations.

Specifically, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act does not prevent the circulation of carcinogens, reproductive toxicants and/or endocrine disruptors through consumer products. »

-Breast Cancer Action
Quebec,
CEPA Declaration



Notes:

Rachel Carson was an American marine biologist and a writer. The quote can be found in chapter three of Silent Spring, a book that led a national movement of opposition to chemical companies.

Audre Lorde was a writer, a civil rights activist, a Black lesbian feminist, a teacher, and a poet. She details her struggle with breast cancer in The Cancer Journals (1980). The quote can be found on page 74.

Breast Cancer Action Quebec's mission is to educate the public about environmental toxicants and their connections to illnesses such as breast cancer. BCAQ also advocates for stronger government policies regarding those chemicals. To learn more: acsqc.ca

